GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIANS LANGUISHING IN FOREIGN JAILS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indians are languishing in foreign jails;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(c) the number of Indians imprisoned and released/brought back to India during each of the last three years till March 31,2003, country-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for the release of rest of the prisoners?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) & (c) A statement prepared on the basis of information received from Indian Missions abroad is placed as Annexure.

(d) Indian Missions provide all possible assistance to Indian nationals in foreign jails. This assistance includes meetings with these Indian nationals, ensuring that there is no miscarriage of justice, facilitating speedy trials, and enabling proper living conditions and treatment in the prisons.

ANNEXURE

Sl.No.	Country	Number of Indians languishing in foreign jails and their details	Number of Indians imprisoned and released/ brought back to India during last three years			Remarks
			2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	
1	Algeria	Nil	Nil	Nil	1 /1	
2	Argentina	3 under house arrest	Nil	Nil	9/9	
3	Armenia	1	1			
4	Australia	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	
5	Austria	Nil	18	11	4	
6	Azerbaijan	Nil	2/2	Nil	Nil	
7	Bahrain	119	400/312	212/148	20/87	
8	Bangladesh	No data available	20	421	850	
9	Belgium	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	
10	Bolivia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
11	Botswana	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
12	Brunei	Nil	5/5	3/3	1/1	
13	Bulgaria	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
14	Burkina Faso	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
15	Cambodia	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	
16	Canada	Three	Nil	Nil	Nil	
17	Central African Republic	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
18	Chile	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
19	China	Nil	Nil	2/2	1/1	
20	Colombia	Nil	6/6	6/5	Nil	
21	Comoros	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

22	Cote D'Ivoire	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
23	Croatia	Nil	0/6	0/1	0/2
24	Cyprus	In 2003, till March 31, 46 arrested - out of which 37 deported and 8 released. One still in prison which will end on 5.5.03.	91/61/30	73/37/36	102/53/48
25	Czeck Republic	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
26	El Salvador	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
27	Fiji	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
28	Germany	Nil	363/155	894/244	237/41 Out of these, the total number of illegal Indians deported to India on the basis of Emergency certificates was: 2000-166; 2001 - 139; 2002 - 68; Jan- 31Mar'03- 25
29	Ghana	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
30	Guinea	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
31	Hong Kong	39	No data	No data	No data
32	Hungary	10	0/51	0/2	Nil
33	Iran	4	6	8	7
34	Ireland	Nil	Nil	1/0	Nil
35	Israel	9	98/0	77/0	56/9
36	Italy	Presently there are 39 Indians languishing in Italian jails who are serving long term imprisonments.	Nil	Nil	Nil
37	Jamaica	Nil	8/8	14/14	10/10
38	Japan	4	4/491	0/469	1
39	Jordan	4	0/9	0/11	0/2
40	Kuwait	Very few are in jails	203/93	162/195	162/150
41	Lebanon	180 Indians are in jail for illegal stay.	53 / 35	260 / 24	180 / 08
42	Liberia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
43	Libya	1	2/1	Nil	Nil
44	Macedonia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
45	Madagascar	2	2/0	2/2	Nil
46	Malaysia	311	0/1440	0/1563	0/458
47	Maldives	32	76/150	116/168	91/152
48	Mexico	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
49	Mongolia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
50	Mozambique	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
51	Myanmar	4	6/13	10/5	11/5
52	Namibia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
53	Nicaragua	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
54	Niger	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
55	Oman	22	0/89	0/221	0/210
56	Pakistan	1. Civilian prisoners 883 2. Fishermen 245 3. Missing 054 Defence personnel			
57	Panama	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
58	Peru	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
59	Poland	1	37/26	153/66	72/38
60	Portugal	2	2/0	Nil	Nil
61	Qatar	36	No data	No data	No data
62	Russia	6	0/4	0/1	0/5
63	Saudi Arabia	1677 in year 2000, 1096 in year 2001, 1091 in	No data	No data	No data

	year 2002 and 69 in year 2003				
64	Sierra Leone	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
65	Singapore	43	0/2975	0/3115	0/439
66	South Africa	6			
67	Sudan	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
68	Sweden	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
69	Switzerland	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
70	Tajikistan	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
71	Tanzania	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
72	Togo	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
73	Tunisia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
74	Turkey	2 in police custody	22/3	2/0	4/120
75	UAE	As of Nov 2002 there were 2214 Indians in various UAE jails, out of which 923 were convicted prisoners and 1291 under-trial prisoners.			
76	Uganda	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
77	Ukraine	2	24	61	78
78	USA	42 in year 2000, 54 in year 2001, 53 in year 2002 and 23 in year 2003	32/47	54/36	29/22
79	Uzbekistan	Nil	1/0	0/1	2/2
80	Vietnam	Nil	1/1	Nil	Nil
81	Yemen	Nil	Nil	3/3	Nil
82	Yugoslavia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
83	Zimbabwe	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil